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## Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors November 28, 1942

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sierra Club was held at the Club headquarters Saturday morning, November 28, 1942. President Starr called the meeting to order at ten o'clock. Present were Directors Bernays, Colby, Dawson, Farquhar, Huber, Kehrlein, Starr. Of the absent directors, six are serving with the Army or Navy, namely Directors Brower, Clark, Leonard, Livermore, Robinson, Tappaan. Directors Adams and Hildebrand had written that they would be unable to attend the meeting. Honorary President Joseph N. LeConte was also present.

The number of directors present at the meeting did not make a quorum. However, action taken was unanimous on the part of those present and has since been approved by almost all the absent directors and ratified by the Executive Committee of the Board, the Executive Committee having power to act when the Board of Directors is unable to act.

Telegrams and letters were read from Honorary Vice-Presidents Horace M. Albright and Newton B. Drury, Directors Adams, Brower, and Livermore, Charles M. Dole, Chairman of the National Ski Association of America, and others.

As recommended by David R. Brower, Chairman of the Mountain Records and Place Names Committee and the Visual Education Committee, Arthur H. Blake and Doris F. Leonard were appointed respectively acting chairmen of these committees.

Mr. A. I. Esberg was elected a life member of the Club in exchange for a Tuolumne Soda Springs trust certificate which he so generously donated to the Club.

Report was made that Director Newton B. Drury, of the National Park Service, was desirous that the Government should secure the privately owned Powers property at Lake Tenaya in Yosemite National Park. A motion was passed that the Sierra Club contribute \$2,000, to be matched by Government money, and used toward the purchase of this property for the Government.

A letter from Mr. Ansel Adams was read and various national park problems mentioned were discussed. President Starr was requested to answer the letter and advise Mr. Adams that serious thought is being given to the points he mentioned.

Written reports from the various chapters were read by Secretary Colby, accepted and placed on file. A. E. Baldwin, in his report for the Southern California Chapter, stated that approximately 175 Club members have filed applications in the Forest Fire Watchers Corps to assist the local officers of the U. S. Forest Service during the fire hazard season. Robert Schallenberger, past chairman of the San Francisco Bay Chapter, gave a report on the harvesting of crops in the Napa Valley, beginning with the Labor Day weekend when 240 Club members camped at the Eric Lawson ranch near Rutherford and picked prunes and tomatoes at the neighboring ranches. During the remainder of the autumn, members camped at the St. Helena High School each weekend. Letters from the U. S. Em-

ployment Service were read, expressing appreciation for the work done by members of the club in 1942 and the hope that plans can be made for greater assistance, during vacations as well as weekend periods, in 1943. The directors present heartily endorsed this harvesting work as an excellent activity for the chapters to carry on and urged its continuance next year. A vote of commendation was given Robert Schallenger for the time and effort he devoted to organizing the fruit-picking trips, and also for his efforts in making arrangements for the Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner which, judging from advance applications, promises to be highly successful.

A written report from Alfred E. Weiler, Chairman of the Library Committee, was read, and a vote of appreciation was given Mr. Weiler and the members of his committee for the work they have accomplished at their weekly meetings in the Club rooms.

A written report from Albert G. Duhme, giving details concerning his custodianship at Parsons Lodge during the past summer, was read, accepted and placed on file.

A financial and general report from Richard N. Burnley, Acting Chairman of the Clair Tappaan Lodge Committee, was read by Mr. Huber. It appears inadvisable for the Lodge Committee to attempt to repay any portion of its loan to the Club at this time. The Committee plans to keep the lodge open during the winter, with a custodian in charge, but without a cook or other assistants except at times when there may be a large attendance, in which event special arrangements will be planned.

Treasurer Huber reported on finances for the year 1942. The income is lower than anticipated, due to War conditions, but the expenditures have been held somewhat below the budgeted amounts, so that income and expenditures will therefore just about balance. He reported a tentative budget for 1943 based on an estimated further decrease in income. He reported some changes in investments, certain government bonds having

been called, other bonds having been sold at a premium, and the money therefrom invested in War Savings Bonds, Series G. Two additional War bonds were bought, one for the Endowment Fund from premiums, the other for the Memorial Lodge Fund from premiums plus \$525.64 from the General Fund. The action of the Treasurer was approved and ratified.

A motion was passed that of the Endowment Fund, \$10,000 be set aside to be called the Stephen T. Mather Fund, and that of the Memorial Lodge Fund \$5,000 be also set aside to be called the Aurelia Harwood Fund.

Oliver Kehrlein reported on the outings conducted during the summer, which were successfully carried out as announced in the February *Sierra Club Bulletin*. If an outing is held in 1943, which was felt to be improbable, a base camp trip will be considered, but no decision was made for the present. It was suggested that possibly the Outing Committee might undertake establishing a camp for harvesters during August and September and that members might arrange to take their vacations during that period in order to aid in this vital work.

Professor Willis Linn Jepson, a Charter Member of the Sierra Club, was unanimously elected an Honorary Vice-President.

Each of the Charter Members now living was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Sierra Club, namely: Mr. Louis Bartlett, Mr. Edwin T. Blake, Hon. William Denman, Mr. James S. Hutchinson, Prof. Andrew C. Lawson, Mr. Charles Palache, Dr. Edwin C. Van Dyke. Prof. Joseph N. LeConte, also a Charter Member, had already been elected the Honorary President.

The following were appointed to act as the Nominating Committee to select names to be placed on the ballot at the coming election of directors of the Sierra Club: Edward A. Mayers (chairman), Robert L. Lipman (vice-chairman), Suzanne Allen, Herbert L. Breed, Charlotte E. Mauk; Alternates: Dor-

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The following were appointed Judges of Election to supervise the election: Andrew E. Neuenburg (chairman), Kasson Avery,

Ada S. Chaplin, Ida E. Logan, Ella McElligott, Alice L. Meussdorffer, Charles Spenner, Catherine S. Tabby, Oliver G. Tabby.

WM. E. COLBY, *Secretary*

## High Sierra Artist

The Leland Curtis paintings, lent by members of the club, will continue on exhibit at the club rooms until about the middle of January. They are, for the most part, the small, attractive watercolors done on High Trips—intelligent, cheerful presentations of High Sierra grandeur and beauty; faithful representatives of the highest and purest aspects of mountain experience.

Leland Curtis' love for mountains began when he was a child in Colorado, but it was not until about 1921 that he began to paint them seriously. At that time, after school days in Los Angeles, army service in World War I, and work in a bank, he made a definite break and set out for the High Sierra to do the work he really wanted to do.

One of his first pictures was hung in a California Art Club show at the Los Angeles Museum, received favorable comment from one or two critics, and was sold on the wall. With this encouragement, he has kept at painting ever since. He has made almost countless trips to the High Sierra during all seasons.

His work has received honors, cash prizes,

and invitations for one-man shows. It has been represented in over fifty general exhibitions in various parts of the United States. Certain of his pictures have been sent on tour by Museum circuits. At the present time, his exhibition of Antarctic paintings is touring the country. These are, of course, the paintings that he did as official artist with Admiral Byrd on the 1939-40 United States Antarctic Expedition. Perhaps his best works so far are two Antarctic pictures, painted for the United States Government, which now hang in Washington, D. C.

Just now, Leland is studying basic principles and techniques of camouflage in a class of professional people under the sponsorship of the War Department and the OCD.

Members of the Sierra Club, who are familiar with Leland Curtis' skill as a rock-climber, mountaineer, and skier, and who have heard him express his partiality to the austere above-timberline region, would smile at the thought that a horoscope once warned him to "keep off high places." Aren't we glad that he didn't!

B. S.

## This Winter at Clair Tappaan Lodge

To those who will not be able to ski this winter, it may seem unduly optimistic that Clair Tappaan Lodge is to be open, and available as usual to club members and their guests. However, it seems to be feasible, and a custodian will be in residence throughout the winter. Because of wartime travel restrictions the patronage is expected to be greatly reduced, and while it is planned to have a cook at the

Lodge during the Christmas to New Year period, we probably shall not be able to afford this luxury during the balance of the season. Instead it will be necessary to revert to the early form of Lodge commissary operation, and volunteer help will prepare the meals.

Present indications are that reservations will not have to be made in advance, except possibly for holiday weekends. If this is

found to be necessary, announcement will be made later. In order to compensate for higher food costs, rates have been increased slightly and will be as follows:

Commissary: \$1.60 per day (Breakfast 50¢, lunch 40¢, dinner 70¢).

Lodging: 60¢ per night (90¢ for Saturday night only).

Short Week End (Saturday dinner through Sunday lunch): \$2.50.

Long Week End (Friday night through Sunday lunch): \$3.75.

Six Days or more: \$2.00 per day including commissary.

Guests of members will be charged slightly higher rates. Members arriving at the Lodge without their membership cards will be charged guest rates.

The Ski Patrol and First Aid Fund will be supported by an additional charge of 10¢ for each reservation made. The ski tow on Signal Hill will be operated whenever patronage warrants.

R. N. BURNLEY

### Chapter Executive Committees—1942-43

*Loma Prieta:* Eleanor Layman (Chairman), Harvey Dowling (Vice-Chairman), Hildreth Kotsch (Secretary), L. Coe Reed (Treasurer), Jessie Alford, Frank H. Lewis, A. Winton Riley.

*Mother Lode:* Charles P. Klausner (Chairman), Sylvia Hyde (Vice-Chairman), Helene Seiffert (Secretary), Otto Rhoades (Treasurer), E. A. Abeel, Rita L. Canessa, Margaret Mix.

*Riverside:* Forrest H. Keck (Chairman), A. J. Twogood (Vice-Chairman), Robert J. Hallock (Secretary), Sylvia Campiglia (Treasurer), John G. Gabbert, Doris P. Rowlands, H. S. Teig.

*San Francisco Bay:* Cyrus C. Washburn (Chairman), John A. Dyer (Vice-Chairman), Barbara C. Norris (Secretary), Peter

Friedrichsen (Treasurer), Albert E. Glenn, Dorothy M. Hill, Charlotte E. Mank, Ray E. Montrose, Helena V. Nelson.

*Southern California:* Chester L. Errett (Chairman), Marion Jones (Vice-Chairman), Ethel Severson Van Degrift (Secretary), Merlin Thayer (Treasurer), Leroy Arnold, George Diack, Ada L. Hiemstra, Howard A. Koster, Niles Werner.

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*Additional Committee Appointment.* Library Committee, John Thomas Howell.

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*Exhibition in clubrooms.* Leland Curtis paintings—to January 16. These will be followed by a selection of photographs by Cedric Wright.

### The Annual Dinner

The Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner at the Bohemian Club on November 28 was a most successful occasion. Outstanding as a novel feature of the evening was the fine Loan Collection of paintings and photographs by well known mountain artists. With President Walter Starr presiding, and Francis Farquhar as toastmaster, the success of the evening was

assured from the start. Professor Jepson, Professor LeConte, and Mr. Colby spoke to an interested and appreciative audience. Music by Dr. Kolline, pianist and composer, and by Pierce Spinks and his octet, and Helen Simpson's fine color movies of the 1942 Three-Camp Trip provided further entertainment before the floor was cleared for dancing.

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